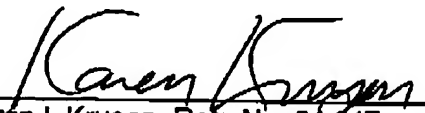


expression is a necessary prerequisite of protein expression. Although it is possible to assay mRNA and protein expression separately, it is commonly analyzed together. Moreover, it is incorrect to say the Invention II (protein expression method) does not depend on Invention I (mRNA expression method) to function, since protein expression directly depends on the expression of mRNA.

Should the Examiner believe that an interview would advance the prosecution of this application, the Applicants invite him to contact the undersigned at 908.231.4658.

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